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First Named Inventor	Stevens, James F.
Art Unit	1764
Examiner Name	Duong, Thanh P.
Attorney Docket Number	00041-DV4

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Stevens, et al.

Serial No.: 10/006,876

Filed: December 5, 2001

For: METHOD FOR REDUCING THE
CARBON MONOXIDE CONTENT
OF A HYDROGEN RICH GAS

Group Art Unit: 1764

Examiner: Duong, Thanh P.

Attorney Docket No.: 00041-DV4

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

On October 16, 2006, Applicant submitted a response to the final Office Action mailed July 17, 2006. According to the Advisory Action mailed October 31, 2006, this Amendment was not entered because the proposed amendment raises new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. Specifically, the Examiner believed the proposed amendment to claim 9, lines 3, 4, and 7; and claim 16, lines 4-5, and 9 would require further consideration and/or search. With this

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Request for Continued Examination, please enter the October 16, 2006, Amendment After Final.

A three month extension of time is hereby requested to extend the deadline for responding until January 16, 2007. Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge the extension fee, and any additional fees which may be required to further the prosecution of the captioned application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1620, referencing Attorney Docket No. 00041-DV4.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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